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1. IN THE WEEK ELASPSED SINCE TRANSMISSION REFTEL B, THE GOP-CONTROLLED DAILIES HAVE PROVIDED VERY LITTLE COVERAGE OF LOS CONFERENCE, IN CONTRAST TO FLURRY OF REPORTING ON OPENING "EL COMERICO" AND "LA PRESNSA" APRIL 6 CARRIED AFP ITEM ON LATIN AMERICAN OPPOSITION TO US PROPOSAL FOR THE CONTINUATION OF AMBASSADOR AMERASIGNHE AS PRESIDENT OF CONFERENCE. FRONT PAGE HEALDLINES OF "LA PRENSA" APRIL 7 READ "PERU PROTESTED IN SEA CONFERENCE" OVER A LATIN-REUTERS STORY REPORTING THE LATIN AMERICAN GROUP'S WALKOUT OF SESSION IN PROTEST OVER RATIFICATION OF AMERSASINGHE. THE ARTICLE QUOTES PERUVIAN REP ARIAS-SCHREIBER TO EFFECT THAT THE ELECTION IS "ILLEGAL" AND "AGAINST THE PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS." "EL COMERICIO" SAME DATE CARRIES MORE UPBEAT EFE ITEM NOTING THAT CONFERENCE UNCLASSIFIED

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IMPASSE HAD BEEN BROKEN AND THAT THE LATIN AMERICAN GROUP HAD SUFFERED A "SEVERE DEFEAT." SHLAUDEMAN

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